



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

April 4 – 7:00 Security Task Force Meeting

April 18 – (NEW TIME) 7:00 Village Council Meeting

April 19 – 7:00 Parks and Rec. Meeting

April 25 – 7:00 Council Budget Workshop

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK VILLAGE YARD SALE

APRIL 8

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

APRIL 13, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SAGES – DINNER AT CAPTAIN'S GALLEY

APRIL 21, 5:30 PM

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

APRIL 24, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS (NAIC INVESTMENT STUDY CLUB)

APRIL 26, 7:00 PM, 3900 ETHEREDGE ST

EASTER EGG HUNT (10:00 AM)

EASTER BONNET PARADE (NOON)

APRIL 15, GAZEBO ACROSS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSN – QUARTERLY BOARD MTG

APRIL 17, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK "AMERICAN IDOL"

MAY 5 7:00 PM, GAZEBO ACROSS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER

ADULT POOL PARTY

MAY 26, 7:00 PM, LAKE PARK POOL

POOL OPENING DAY

MAY 27

Upcoming Parks and Rec Events

April 15 - Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10 a.m. - bring something to collect eggs in. We will be doing the hunt in age categories with the little ones first.

April 15 - Easter Bonnet Parade and contest at 12 noon. Come and show off your best hat - will be in age categories. All will take place at the gazebo across from the Community Center.

Council Forms Task Force

Group to study village law enforcement options

During the March Village Council meeting, the Council formed a security task force to study the feasibility of forming a Lake Park police department and to make recommendations to Council later this spring. The task force will consist of five (5) voting members including Mack Currence, a council member, plus four citizens appointed by Mayor John Ross. The town attorney, Ken Swain, will also serve in an advisory capacity.

The task force was formed as a result of a citizen's request to look into the possibility of forming a police department for the Village citing the town's population growth as a factor.

The first meeting has been set for 7 PM, April 4, 2006 at the Community Center and all meetings will be open for the public to attend and voice their concerns and opinions. "In fact, we encourage public input concerning this question", Currence said. Subsequent meeting dates will be determined at the first meeting and notices of the times and dates will be posted at the Town Center kiosk, the community center, and on the Lake Park website.

After gathering information and reviewing its findings, the task force will make recommendations to the council for final action prior to finalizing the town budget for the

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May 5 - Lake Park's version of American Idol – If you are a singer, a dancer, a musician, etc., you can perform and win a prize and get to entertain at upcoming village events. The show starts 7 p.m. at the Gazebo. For questions, contact JoAnn Carreras, 704 882-8898 or Fleeta Thomas, 704 882-6519.

May 26 - Adult Pool Party - 7 p.m. Refreshments and Entertainment

May 27 - Opening Day at the Pool - Free swimming, no charge to enter.

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For your information...

Voter Registration Forms Available

Are you registered to vote in Union County? Election Day for the Primaries is May 2. You may pick up a voter registration form at the village office in the Community Center and mail to the county department of elections office for receipt by April 7.

New 7:00 Council Meeting Time

During the March council meeting, the Village Council decided to change the regular meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00 starting with the April meeting. The purpose is to make the time more convenient to residents and to encourage more attendance from the general public.

Parks and Rec Looking for a Band

The Parks and Recreation commission is looking for an old-fashioned band to play for the village 4th of July celebration. If you know of a band that might fit the bill, contact JoAnn Carreras at 882-8898 or Fleta Thomas at 882-6519.

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06-07 fiscal year.

March Council Meeting

Highlights from the March 14 meeting

- The financial report through the month of February showed that the amount of revenues categorized as investment revenue exceeded the amount planned by \$10,000. The council approved increasing this revenue line and offset the extra revenue by increasing the amount allocated for elections and for contingency. This will cover the overage in the elections line item highlighted in February's meeting.
- The Parks and Recreation commission presented the final design for the fishing permit that will go into effect for the village on April 1. Starting that day residents can purchase the \$2.00 permits at the village office in the Community Center. New signs stating that fishing will be by permit only will be installed at main entrances to the village by this date. The council also approved the rates and rules for the 2006 pool season.
- In street business, the village is requesting proposals from qualified paving contractors to provide street repairs and maintenance for the next year.
- The Economic Development Committee reported that during the prior month they have had several more meetings to explore business development ideas for Lake Park. Two ideas for further study include offering town center store fronts to incubator businesses in partnership with local colleges; and a local shopper card that may offer benefits for village residents at town center businesses.

Security Report

For February 2006

The Sheriff's department responded to a total of 81 calls in Lake Park for the month of February – down from 99 in January. Among the calls were 33 for traffic stops, 16 for general calls, and 7 for property damage. Officer Miles also reported that the sheriff's department arrested 3 people and detained 2 juveniles in connection with property damage incidents.